

# STOP THE WASTE!

Not long ago, a mechanic working on the Pacific Coast heard that men of his particular trade were badly needed in the East. So he quit his job, put practically all his available cash into a railroad ticket and took the train East.

But when he got to his destination a shock awaited him. True, men were needed. The trouble was that the word which reached him had also gone to thousands of others, and the vacancies of his particular trade had been filled. Without even troubling to ask his qualifications, the foreman to whom he applied, said wearily: "We may need you *next month!*—why don't you go out West—they need your kind of men out there!"

Now, the fault rested neither with the worker nor the industry. Both were anxious to do their best for their country. The work had to be done—men were needed—and the industry sent out the call broadcast. This patriotic mechanic threw everything aside, invested his money to hasten East, without definite assurance that HE would be hired.

But if both this employer and workman had worked through the U. S. Employment Service, this wouldn't have happened. The right men would have been chosen and sent to jobs where their skill fitted them to earn full pay. Only the men actually needed would have been sent, and neither time, effort nor money on the part of the workman or the employer would have been wasted.

## PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

"Industry plays as essential and honorable a role in this great struggle as do our military armaments. We all recognize the truth of this, but we must also see its necessary implications—namely, that industry, doing a vital task for the nation, must receive the support and assistance of the nation."

"Therefore, I solemnly urge all employers engaged in war work to refrain after August 1st, 1918, from recruiting unskilled labor in any manner except through this central agency (The U. S. Employment Service). I urge labor to respond as loyally as heretofore to any calls issued by this agency for voluntary enlistment in essential industry. And I ask them both alike to remember that no sacrifice will have been in vain, if we are able to prove beyond all question that the highest and best form of efficiency is the spontaneous co-operation of a free people."

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It is to prevent this waste that the Government has created the U. S. Employment Service as a part of the Dept. of Labor. Its national office is in Washington. It has 500 branch offices and 20,000 U. S. Public Service Reserve enrollment agents in all parts of the United States.

It is equipped to assist workmen to find the right jobs, and employers the right men, to make it possible to bring about maximum production in essential war industries. It assures a fair and square deal to both, and the use of its service is a patriotic war duty.



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